

1-4. (CANCELED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A hot melt sealing composition comprising, ~~as essential ingredients and as the only ingredients~~ consisting essentially of:

a high-molecular weight styrene block copolymer having a number average molecular weight (Mn) of 100,000 or more;

one of a polyphenylene ether resin and a modified polyphenylene ether resin having one of a thermal deformation temperature and a glass transition temperature of 120°C or above; and

a viscosity adjuster;

the hot melt sealing composition having a compression set of 90% or less after being compressed for 5 days ~~under the~~ at a temperature of 80°C when measured by a measuring method in accordance with provisions of JISK6262.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The hot ~~melt~~ melt sealing composition according to claim 5, wherein:

the compounding ratio of the high-molecular weight styrene block copolymer is from 3 to 50 parts by weight, ~~that of either of the~~ ;

the compounding ratio of the one of a polyphenylene ether resin and the a modified polyphenylene ether resin is from 0.5 to 30 parts by weight, and that of ; and

the compounding ratio of the viscosity adjuster is from 5 to 90 parts by weight.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of assembling members using a hot melt sealing composition comprising the steps of:

~~, as essential ingredients and as the only ingredients, melting a hot melt composition consisting essentially of~~ a high-molecular weight styrene block copolymer having a number average molecular weight (Mn)(mw) of 100,000 or more, one of a polyphenylene ether resin and a modified polyphenylene ether resin having one of a thermal deformation temperature and a glass transition temperature of 120°C or above, and a viscosity adjuster, wherein the ~~exclusion of a tackifying resin from the hot melt composition provides a hot melt~~ sealing composition having has a compression set of 90% or less after being compressed for 5 days ~~under the~~ at a temperature of 80°C when measured by a measuring method in accordance with provisions of JISK6262, the method comprising the steps of: and an enhanced disassembly property;

~~melting and~~ applying the hot melt sealing composition to a connecting part of one member in advance of a time of assembling work; and

joining the connecting part of ~~said the~~ one member to a connecting part of another member at the time of the assembling work, wherein

the connecting part of ~~said the~~ one member and the connecting part of the other member are subsequently readily separable due to the ~~absence of a tackifying resin from the hot melt composition and the resulting~~ enhanced disassembly property.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of assembling members according to claim 7, ~~using the hot melt composition in which~~ wherein:

the compounding ratio of the high-molecular weight styrene block copolymer is from 3 to 50 parts by weight;

~~that of one of the~~ compounding ratio of the one of a polyphenylene ether resin and ~~the a~~ modified polyphenylene ether resin is from 0.5 to 30 parts by weight; ; and that

the compounding ratio of the viscosity adjuster is from 5 to 90 parts by weight.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A hot melt sealing composition ~~comprising, as essential ingredients and as the only ingredients~~ consisting essentially of:

a high-molecular weight styrene ~~clock~~ block copolymer having an ~~number~~ average molecular weight (~~Mn~~)(mw) of 100,000 or more;

one of a polyphenylene ether resin and a modified polyphenylene ether resin, having a thermal deformation temperature or glass transition temperature of 120°C or above; and

a viscosity adjuster;

wherein ~~exclusion of a tackifying resin from the hot melt~~ sealing composition ~~provides a hot melt composition having~~ has:

a compression set of 90% or less after being compressed for 5 days ~~under the at a~~ temperature of 80°C when measured ~~by a measuring method~~ in accordance with ~~provisions of~~ JISK6262,

an adhesive property sufficient for ~~use of~~ using the hot melt sealing composition as ~~an adhesive~~ a sealing composition, and,

an enhanced disassembly property.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The hot melt sealing composition of claim 9 wherein the high-molecular weight styrene block copolymer is one of a ~~styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene~~ styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and a styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene block copolymer.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The hot melt sealing composition of claim 5 wherein the high-molecular weight styrene block copolymer is one of a ~~styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene~~ styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and a styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene block copolymer.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of assembling members using a hot melt sealing composition comprising the steps of:

B¹ ~~as essential ingredients and as the only ingredients; melting a hot melt~~ sealing composition consisting essentially of a high molecular weight styrene block copolymer having a number average molecular weight (~~Mn~~)(mw) of 100,000 or more, one of a polyphenylene ether resin and a modified polyphenylene ether resin having one of a thermal deformation temperature and glass transition temperature of 120°C or above, and a viscosity adjuster, wherein ~~an exclusion of a tackifying resin from the hot melt composition provides a hot melt composition having~~ has a compression set of 90% or less after being compressed for 5 days under the at a temperature of 80°C when measured by a measuring method in accordance with provisions of JISK6262, an adhesive property sufficient for ~~use of~~ using the hot melt sealing composition as an adhesive a sealing composition, and an enhanced disassembly property; ~~the hot melt composition having a compression set of 90% or less after being compressed for 5 days under the temperature of 80°C, when measure by a measuring method in accordance with provisions of JISK6262, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~melting and applying the hot melt~~ sealing composition to a connecting part of one member in advance of a time of assembling work; and

joining the connecting part of ~~said~~ the one member to a connecting part of another member at the time of the assembling work;

wherein the connecting part of ~~said~~ the one member and the connecting part of the other member are subsequently readily separable due to the ~~absence of a~~

tackifying resin from the hot melt composition and the resulting enhanced disassembly property.

B' 13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of assembling members as set forth in claim 7 wherein the high-molecular weight block copolymer is one of a ~~styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene~~ styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and a styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene block copolymer.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of assembling members as set forth in claim 12 wherein the high-molecular weight block copolymer is one of a ~~styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene~~ styrene-ethylene-1-butene-styrene block copolymer and a styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene block copolymer.